



[4910-13]

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 71

[Docket No. FAA-2015-7115; Airspace Docket No. 15-ANM-30]

Amendment of Class E Airspace, Trinidad, CO

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This action modifies Class E surface area airspace, and Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface, at Perry Stokes Airport, Trinidad, CO. Airspace redesign is necessary to accommodate new Area Navigation (RNAV) Standard Instrument Approach Procedures at the airport due to the decommissioning of the Trinidad Non-Directional Radio Beacon (NDB) and cancellation of associated approaches. This action ensures the safety, efficiency, and management of Instrument Flight Rules (IFR) operations at the airport. Additionally, the airport's geographic coordinates are updated to match the FAA's aeronautical database.

DATES: Effective 0901 UTC, June 22, 2017. The Director of the Federal Register approves this incorporation by reference action under Title 1, Code of Federal Regulations, part 51, subject to the annual revision of FAA Order 7400.11 and publication of conforming amendments.

ADDRESSES: FAA Order 7400.11A, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, and subsequent amendments can be viewed on line at

http://www.faa.gov/air_traffic/publications/. For further information, you can contact

the Airspace Policy Group, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C., 20591; telephone: 202-267-8783. The Order is also available for inspection at the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). For information on the availability of this material at NARA, call 202-741-6030, or go to http://www.archives.gov/federal_register/code_of_federal-regulations/ibr_locations.html.

FAA Order 7400.11, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, is published yearly and effective on September 15.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tom Clark, Federal Aviation Administration, Operations Support Group, Western Service Center, 1601 Lind Avenue SW., Renton, WA, 98057; telephone (425) 203-4511.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority for this Rulemaking

The FAA's authority to issue rules regarding aviation safety is found in Title 49 of the United States Code. Subtitle I, Section 106 describes the authority of the FAA Administrator. Subtitle VII, Aviation Programs, describes in more detail the scope of the agency's authority. This rulemaking is promulgated under the authority described in Subtitle VII, Part A, Subpart I, Section 40103. Under that section, the FAA is charged with prescribing regulations to assign the use of airspace necessary to ensure the safety of aircraft and the efficient use of airspace. This regulation is within the scope of that authority as it modifies controlled airspace at Perry Stokes Airport, Trinidad, CO.

History

On November 7, 2016, the FAA published in the FEDERAL REGISTER a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) to modify Class E surface area airspace, and Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface, at Perry Stokes Airport, Trinidad, CO, (81 FR 78088) Docket FAA-2015-7115. Interested parties were invited to participate in this rulemaking effort by submitting written comments on the proposal to the FAA. No comments were received.

Class E airspace designations are published in paragraph 6002 and 6005 of FAA Order 7400.11A, dated August 3, 2016, and effective September 15, 2016, which is incorporated by reference in 14 CFR Part 71.1. The Class E airspace designation listed in this document will be published subsequently in the Order.

Availability and Summary of Documents for Incorporation by Reference

This document amends FAA Order 7400.11A, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated August 3, 2016, and effective September 15, 2016. FAA Order 7400.11A is publicly available as listed in the ADDRESSES section of this document. FAA Order 7400.11A lists Class A, B, C, D, and E airspace areas, air traffic service routes, and reporting points.

The Rule

The FAA is amending Title 14 Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) Part 71 by modifying Class E surface area airspace at Perry Stokes Airport, Trinidad, CO, to within a 4.6-mile radius of the airport (from a 4.2-mile radius), with a segment extending from the airport 4.6-mile radius to 7.2 miles southwest of the airport. Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface is modified to within a 7.2-mile radius of the airport (from an 8-mile radius) from the airport 231° bearing clockwise to the 056° bearing, and

within a 4.6-mile radius from the airport 056° bearing clockwise to the 231° bearing, and with a segment extending from the 4.6-mile radius of the airport to 9.3 miles southwest of the airport. The Class E airspace extending upward from 1,200 feet above the surface is removed as this airspace is controlled by the Blue Mesa en route airspace area. Also, the airport's geographic coordinates are updated to coincide with the FAA's aeronautical database. New RNAV standard instrument approach procedures, due to decommissioning of the Trinidad NDB, have made this action necessary for the safety, efficiency, and management of IFR operations at the airport.

Regulatory Notices and Analyses

The FAA has determined that this regulation only involves an established body of technical regulations for which frequent and routine amendments are necessary to keep them operationally current, is non-controversial and unlikely to result in adverse or negative comments. It, therefore: (1) is not a "significant regulatory action" under Executive Order 12866; (2) is not a "significant rule" under DOT Regulatory Policies and Procedures (44 FR 11034; February 26, 1979); and (3) does not warrant preparation of a Regulatory Evaluation as the anticipated impact is so minimal. Since this is a routine matter that only affects air traffic procedures and air navigation, it is certified that this rule, when promulgated, does not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities under the criteria of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

Environmental Review

The FAA has determined that this action qualifies for categorical exclusion under the National Environmental Policy Act in accordance with FAA Order 1050.1F, "Environmental Impacts: Policies and Procedures," paragraph 5-6.5a. This airspace action

is not expected to cause any potentially significant environmental impacts, and no extraordinary circumstances exist that warrant preparation of an environmental assessment.

Lists of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 71

Airspace, Incorporation by reference, Navigation (Air).

Adoption of the Amendment

In consideration of the foregoing, the Federal Aviation Administration amends 14 CFR Part 71 as follows:

PART 71 --DESIGNATION OF CLASS A, B, C, D, AND E AIRSPACE AREAS; AIR TRAFFIC SERVICE ROUTES; AND REPORTING POINTS

1. The authority citation for Part 71 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 106(f), 106(g); 40103, 40113, 40120; E.O. 10854, 24 FR 9565, 3 CFR, 1959-1963 Comp., p. 389.

§71.1 [Amended]

2. The incorporation by reference in 14 CFR 71.1 of FAA Order 7400.11A, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated August 3, 2016, and effective September 15, 2016, is amended as follows:

Paragraph 6005: Class E Airspace Areas Extending Upward from 700 feet or More Above the Surface of the Earth.

* * * * *

ANM CO E2 Trinidad, CO [Modified]

Perry Stokes Airport, CO

(lat. 37°15'33"N., long. 104°20'27"W.)

That airspace extending upward from the surface within a 4.6-mile radius of Perry Stokes Airport, and within 0.7 miles each side of the 224° bearing from the airport 4.6-mile radius to 7.2 miles southwest of the airport.

Paragraph 6005: Class E Airspace Areas Extending Upward from 700 feet or More Above

the Surface of the Earth.

* * * * *

ANM CO E5 Trinidad, CO [Modified]

Trinidad, Perry Stokes Airport, CO

(lat. 37°15'33"N., long. 104°20'27"W.)

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within a 7.2-mile radius of Perry Stokes Airport from the 231° bearing clockwise to the 056° bearing, and within a 4.6-mile radius from the airport 056° bearing clockwise to the 231° bearing, and within 1-mile each side of the airport 224° bearing extending from the 4.6-mile radius to 9.3 miles southwest of the airport.

Issued in Seattle, Washington, on March 13, 2017.

Mindy Wright
Acting Manager, Operations Support Group,
Western Service Center.

[FR Doc. 2017-05446 Filed: 3/24/2017 8:45 am; Publication Date: 3/27/2017]